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PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Barnett, and Senator Mahoney. Motion is to reconsider the action on 677.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, is it proper to ask a question of Senator Kelly at this time?

PRESIDENT: Certainly, go ahead.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was one that voted to kill the bill, because as it was I thought that it was a ridiculous bill and I think the same thing now, unless you are going to offer some changes. The bill that we killed was the one in the present form or did you consider making other changes away from that present bill?

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Barnett and all of these months since we have been in session, this is one of the earlier bill entered and I have continually accepted every amendment that has been offered to me as a suggestion for improving this bill with the exception of moving the depository from the Secretary of State's office and I did not change that because I knew not where to move it. Senator Mahoney has an idea as to where this should be moved and then to an election commission of which I have no objection and I have not had any objection to any amendments that the members of this body would put on this bill. It may be a ridiculous bill, but the amendments that we must adopt in order to make the bill workable must be adopted and I solicit from my heart, the help of you people on the floor at this time, to bring forth your amendments in stead of the word ridiculous.

SENATOR BARNETT: I have one other question then, maybe it would help remove the word ridiculous. The bill was killed through Senator Syas's efforts with the idea that and from what I have talked to you, it must have been a misunderstanding, because there was definitely not the same feeling when it came to reporting any contribution of any size from anybody with name, place, address and place of employment. You tell me that that wasn't true. You tell me that that isn't what the bill required and I think that this is what helped kill the bill because as Senator Syas has stated, if you make collections from a grup of 400 people you pick up about 450 dollars and that is about a little over a dollar a piece, according to your bill, and according to the way we understood it, everybody would have to have name, address and place of employment on that reporting form. Now a was that a wrong assumption?

SENATOR KELLY: NO the assumption is not wrong, but the example was certainly in grievous error.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK, then...

SENATOR KELLY: An example that I used in my latest hand-out to you was that if a boy scout troupe would take up a collection for Wally Barnett,

SENATOR BARNETT: How about Sunday School?

SENATOR KELLY: That would be fine, the object here is that you as the candidate received the contribution of \$27.50 and that amount should be reported and entered in on your deposit ticket